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FAMILY CARE

Supporting the validation of competencies acquired by Family Caregivers in non-formal and informal learning through digital badges and micro-credentials

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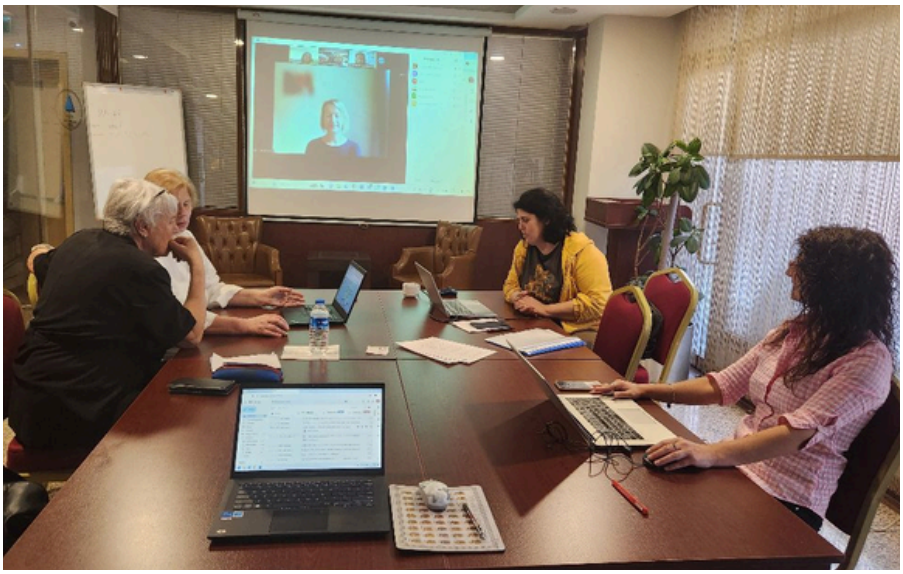
TRANSNATIONAL PARTNER MEETING AT ISTANBUL

A new transnational partner meeting of the FAMILY CARE project was held in Istanbul (Turkey) from 30 to 31 May. The consortium met to discuss issues such as the content development of the training modules, the action planning for the piloting phase, the analysis of the project dissemination activities, and the complementation of the exploitation and sustainability strategy. It was a very productive session from which interesting conclusions and guidelines for the optimal development of the project were drawn.



THE EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK OF COMPETENCES HAS BEEN FINALISED

The European Competence Framework aims to provide a competence reference in digital validation of competences for Family Caregivers, using a common language to describe competences, skills, knowledge and competence levels that can be understood across Europe, following European standards and reference frameworks. This European Competence Framework has the following 6 Learning Units:

1. *Understanding the digital validation of competences of Family Caregivers in the digital age*
2. *Identification of Family Caregivers' competences*
3. *Identifying and selecting the appropriate digital tools and technologies for documenting, assessing and certifying Family Caregivers' competences*
4. *Documentation, assessment and certification of competences*
5. *Quality assurance in the digital validation of competences process*
6. *Promoting digital competences among family caregivers*
7. *Promoting digital validation of competences among stakeholders*

NEXT CAPACITY BUILDING SESSION

The Family Care project consortium met online in December to finalise plans for the next capacity building session which will take place in Tenerife (Spain) in January 2025. Here partners will learn how to navigate the Virtual Campus and the mobile assessment app, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to train target users (adult educators, counsellors and guidance counsellors) during the pilot phases of the new year.

VIRTUAL CAMPUS

The Virtual Campus offers an online course for adult educators to improve their knowledge and skills in digital validation of competences, helping them to better support carers to enhance the visibility of their skills and expand their potential future job opportunities.

The online course will be available soon. You will be able to register and explore the learning units, including: the importance of digital validation (micro-identifiers), how to identify, document, assess and certify competences, quality assurance requirements and promotion!

MOBILE ASSESSMENT APP

Adult educators, counsellors, coaches, stakeholders and organisations supporting family carers can use the Family Care Assessment Mobile App to assess their knowledge and skills on how to help a carer obtain digital validation (e.g. micro-identifiers) of their competences and skills. The app will identify knowledge gaps and point the educator in the right direction to access relevant e-learning material on the Family Care Virtual Campus.

The Virtual Campus functions as a hub for networking, exchange and promotion for stakeholders and target groups in order to integrate project activities and results. It is available in English, Lithuanian, Greek, , Polish, Spanish and Turkish.

WHAT IS A DIGITAL BADGE?

A key part of the FAMILY CARE project are the 'Digital Badges', a tangible representation of the competences and skills acquired by an individual in the field of family caregiving. Digital Badges are designed to be easily sharable and verifiable, and usually contain verifiable data such as the name of the person earning the badge, the organisation issuing the badge and the criteria met to earn the badge.

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